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 GROUP ART UNIT: Unknown  
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references identified below and on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-mentioned application for United States Patent.

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### REMARKS

The above references were cited in Search Report for the corresponding PCT application.

A copy of the Search Report has been enclosed herein.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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